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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 09 / 237,605,
filed on 01/25/99, entitled INFECTION-BLOCKING DENTAL IMPLANT

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. Effective May 29, 2000, a CPA may only be filed in a utility or a plant application if the prior nonprovisional application was filed before May 29, 2000. A CPA may be filed in a design application regardless of the filing date of the prior application. See "Request for Continued Examination Practice changes to and Provisional Application Practice," Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office (Apr. 11, 2000).

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

ACCESS TO PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA will be construed to include a waiver of confidentiality by the applicant under 35 U.S.C. 122 to the extent that any member of the public who is entitled under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.14 to access to, copies of, or information concerning, the prior application may be given similar access to, copies of, or similar information concerning, the other application or applications in the file jacket.

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1. ☒ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on October 13, 2000
under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:
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TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c) or (j))		40 -20* =	20	x \$ 18.00 =	\$ 360.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(b) or (i))		6 -3** =	3	x \$ 80.00 =	240.00
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))				+ \$ 0.00 =	0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	710.00
				Total of above Calculations =	1,310.00
Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).					
* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.					TOTAL = 1,310.00

6. ☐ Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 10 0447/47168-00035USC1

a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.

b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.17.

c. ☐ Fees required under 37 CFR 1.18.

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10. ☐ Applicant requests suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(b) for a period of _____ months (not to exceed 3 months) and the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed.

11. ☒ New Attorney Docket Number, if desired 47168-00035USC1

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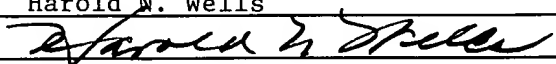
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend claim 27 as follows:

✓ Claim 27, line 4, after "roughened", insert -- titanium
metal -- .

REMARKS

Claims 11-50 remain in the application for further prosecution. Entry of the amendment filed October 13, 2000 is requested in the Continued Prosecution Application. In his Advisory Action of November 2, 2000, the Examiner noted an error

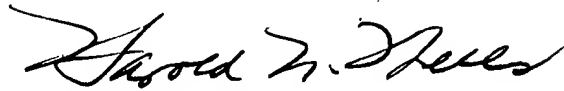
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in the proposed amendment of claim 27, which is corrected in the above preliminary amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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